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1. Both the Partido Comunista de Colombia (PCC) and the Partido Comunista Obrero (PCO) reportedly were able to reach an agreement on a program of agitation and molestation against the United States, Chilean, Brazilian, and Argentine delegations to the IX International Conference of American States. The PCC Secretary of Agitation and Propaganda, Renato Arango, stated that great care would be exercised in carrying out this program. Communists were admonished to avoid rushing into anti-imperialist demonstrations, and to save their efforts for personal attacks, especially at the time of the departure of the delegates in order to give the latter an impression of failure and loss of prestige.
2. The Party believed that a large number of U. S. Federal agents were in Bogota acting as bodyguards for General George Marshall and the other American delegates. These agents were believed to be journalists or aides to members of the U. S. delegation. Jorge Regueros Peralta was assigned personally to surveil these agents, since, as Director of the Communist weekly Vanguardia, he was to be in daily contact with the press representatives. When he had determined who the agents might be, he was to denounce them in Vanguardia, if it was decided to be advantageous to the Party.

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